

Annual Assessment Report
Academic Year 2002-2003

This year was marked by a change in leadership: Diane Michelfelder left to become Dean of Arts and Sciences at Indiana State University, and Charlie Huenemann was appointed as Interim Department Head. There were several changes affecting the curriculum:

1. The Department became “Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication”.
2. The single course under which undergraduates served as tutors to other language students (LING 4920) was split into separate classes for separate languages (FREN 4920, GERM 4920, etc.) This clarified what students were doing and who was grading them.
3. The connections between our department and the department of secondary education were clarified, resulting in better advising for teaching majors and minors.
4. Staffing for our MSLT courses became more regular and projectible, due to memos of understanding with participating programs.
5. Several problems with enrollment emerged. In spring 2003, the registrar inexplicably did not enforce prerequisites; moreover, it became clear that the waiting lists for classes maintained in our department were playing no significant role in admitting students into classes (students using the QUAD filled up vacancies before we could put our lists into action). We obtained clearer understandings of prerequisites with the registrar, and developed a cooperative strategy to make our waiting lists effective.
6. The Department began discussions of better utilization of the current spaces dedicated to the language lab and tutoring.

Due to the change in administration, no assessment information from graduating students was gathered during this year. At the end of the year, Huenemann was appointed Department Head until July, 2006.